

REMARKS

Claims 9-21 and 23-25 are pending and stand rejected. Claims 9-14 have been cancelled. Claim 15 has been amended. Claim 26 has been added. The Examiner's reconsideration of the claims rejection is respectfully requested in view of the above amendment and the following remarks.

Claims 9-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lohtia et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,560,456) (hereinafter "Lohtia") in view of Lorello et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,459,904) (hereinafter "Lorello"). Claims 20-21, 23-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Lohtia. The rejections to claims 15-21 and 23-25 are respectfully traversed.

The Examiner does not expressly address "short message daemon," as claimed in claim 15. It should be noted the "*short message daemon*" is separate from a "short message center interface" and a "short message center," as shown in Figure 1. Neither Lohtia or Lorello, alone or in combination, teaches or suggests a "short message daemon," as claimed in claim 15.

The Examiner does not expressly address "transforming the personal key input into a short message, the short message comprising an information service code," as claimed in claim 20. Lohtia discloses receiving dialed numbers or an SMS origination message. However, Lohtia does not disclose "*transforming* a personal key input into a short message, the short message comprising an information code," as claimed in claim 20.

The Examiner cites col. 5, lines 65-67, col. 6, lines 1-5, and Figs 2-4 of Lohtia as disclosing "extracting the information service code from the short message." The Examiner specifically discusses the use of "feature codes" of Lohtia. Feature codes, as

taught by Lohtia, are simply numerical inputs which are not part of a short message. In fact, SMS is not even necessary to implement such feature codes. As shown col. 6, lines 36-39 of Lohtia, the numerical input of “#78625” is entered to represent “#STOCK”. It should be noted that Lohtia itself distinguishes a “feature code” and a “SMS original message.” (Lohtia, col. 1, lines 49-51).

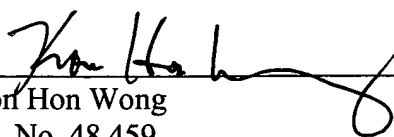
Notwithstanding the above, the “feature code” taught by Lohtia is in and of itself a *code*. Thus, having an additional step to “*extract*” the code does not make any sense.

Accordingly, claim 15 is believed to be patentably distinguishable and nonobvious over the combination of Lohtia and Lorello, and claim 20 is believed to be patentably distinguishable over Lohtia. The corresponding dependent claims are believed to be allowable for at least the reasons provided for the independent claims.

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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